

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**U.S. PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/044,923**  
**ATTORNEY DOCKET No.: 23452-507**  
**CLIENT REFERENCE No. LOT9-2002-0001-US1**

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to include the serial number of the referenced provisional application, which the instant application claims priority from, along with the serial numbers of commonly owned co-pending non-provisional patent applications. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

The claims have been amended to include claim 12, which was missing from the original application. Applicants respectfully submit that the application, as originally filed, included payment for claim 12. Accordingly, no excess claim fee is owed at this time.

**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

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It is believed that no fees are due in connection with filing this Preliminary Amendment. In the event that it is determined that fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0311, 2345-507.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7 has been amended as follows:

--This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. [ ] (attorney docket no. 23452-500-301)] 60/347,283, entitled "Knowledge Server," filed on January 14, 2002, the contents of which are incorporated by reference into this patent application.--

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 12 has been amended as follows:

--This application is related to the following commonly owned U.S. patent applications, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the present application: (1) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/401,581, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROFILING USERS BASED ON THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH CONTENT TOPICS, filed Sept. 22, 1999; (2) U.S. Patent Application No. [ ] (attorney docket no. 23452-509)] 10/045,059 entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROFILING USERS BASED ON THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH CONTENT TOPICS, filed January 15, 2002; (3) U.S. Patent Application No. [ ] (attorney docket no. 23452-508)] 10/044,921 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MINING A USER'S ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGES TO DETERMINE THE USER'S AFFINITIES, filed January 15, 2002; (4) U.S. Patent Application No. [ ] (attorney docket no. 23452-501)] 10/044,922 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CALCULATING A USER AFFINITY, filed January 15, 2002; and (5) U.S. Patent Application No. [ ] (attorney docket no. 23452-505)] 10/044,914 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING A METRICS ENGINE FOR TRACKING RELATIONSHIPS OVER TIME, filed January 15, 2002.--

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 12 has been added as follows:

--12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of determining whether there is a particular affinity publication policy that is associated with the user.--